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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/603,265

**Applicant(s)**

YIN, YUSONG

**Examiner**

Phillip Nguyen

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite in preamble “A third harmonic laser”, “A fourth harmonic laser”, and “A fifth harmonic laser” which are indefinite and ambiguous because claims would be lack of support or antecedence basis if claim 1 is interpreted as a different apparatus not having specific order of harmonic as claimed in claims 3-17.

Claims 3, 11, and 16-17 recite “said output coupler of paragraph e including” which is lack of antecedence basic. It is recommended to replace with --said one or more output couplers including--

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zhou et al. ('351).

With respect to claim 1, Zhou discloses in Fig. 7 a laser comprising a first reflector 10 and a second reflector 64 forming a resonator having an optical axis, said resonator including a laser medium 20 for producing a fundamental beam; said first reflector highly reflective of fundamental beam; a second harmonic generator 30 located within said resonator for generating a second harmonic beam from said fundamental beam; said second reflector at least partially reflective for fundamental beam; said resonator producing two resonator output beams of preselected different wave length at least one of which is a harmonic beam; one or more output couplers 68 to remove at least a portion beams from said resonator and direct said removed of said two output beams on preselected optical paths outside said resonator; a third, fourth or fifth harmonic nonlinear crystal 32 located outside said resonator cavity and located along the preselected optical paths of both output beams to produce a third, fourth or fifth harmonic beam from said two output beams.

With respect to claim 2, Zhou discloses in Fig. 7 the second harmonic generator 30 is located within said resonator (formed by 10 and 64) so that said fundamental beam makes a first and second pass across said second harmonic generator.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 3-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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*Citation of Pertinent References*

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The patent to Zhou et al. discloses Intra-Cavity and Inter-Cavity Harmonics Generation in High-Power Lasers, U.S. Patent No. 5943351

*Communication Information*

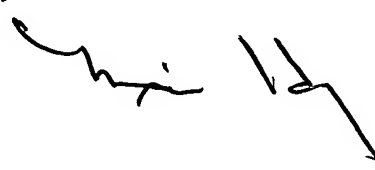
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY, can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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